

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 14-19. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendments above and the following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 14-20 Under 35 USC § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 14-20 under 35 USC § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. (Office Action, pages 3-4). Of these, claim 14 is independent and claims 15-19 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 14. Applicant has canceled claim 20. While Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection, to advance prosecution, Applicant has amended claims 14-19 to delete references to propagated signals. Applicant believes that the Examiner's concerns have been addressed, and Applicant requests that the Examiner remove the non-statutory subject matter rejections of claims 14-19.

Concluding Comments

For the reasons stated above, Applicant submits that claims 1-6 and 8-19 are in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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If there are any questions regarding this amendment and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. No Fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 34874-368.

Respectfully submitted,

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